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Agenda

The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

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The meeting was called to order at 12.15 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

The President (*spoke in Russian*): I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Côte d'Ivoire, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Bailly (Côte d'Ivoire) took a seat at the Council table.

The President (*spoke in Russian*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

After consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council welcomes the communiqué dated 18 May 2009 of the Permanent Consultative Framework of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement, which provides a comprehensive electoral time frame leading to the first round of the presidential election in Côte d'Ivoire on 29 November 2009. It stresses that this time frame has been endorsed by all the main Ivorian political actors, as requested by the statement of the President of the Security Council S/PRST/2008/42 and resolution 1865 (2009).

"The Security Council underlines the importance of the effective implementation of each of the five stages leading to the elections, as referred to in the report of the Secretary-General dated 13 April 2009 (S/2009/196), namely: (1) the publication of the provisional voters list at the end of voter registration operations; (2) the publication of the final voters list; (3) the production of identification and voter cards; (4) the distribution of identification and voter cards; and (5) the electoral campaigning period.

"The Security Council, consistent with its resolution 1865 (2009), underlines that this timeline binds the Ivorian political actors and that the way it will be implemented will reflect their level of political commitment towards the holding of free, fair, open and transparent elections in a secure environment. The Security Council urges the Ivorian political actors to meet their commitments in full and without further delay. It urges again the political actors in particular to comply fully with the Code of Good Conduct for elections they signed under the auspices of the Secretary-General on 24 April 2008.

"The Security Council reaffirms its full support to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire and to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire, and recalls that the Special Representative shall certify that all stages of the electoral process provide all the necessary guarantees for the holding of free, fair, open and transparent presidential and legislative elections in accordance with international standards, consistent with paragraph 20 of resolution 1865 (2009). It takes note of the request by the Ivorian parties that the Special Representative of the Secretary-General make known and explain to all Ivorian stakeholders the content and modus operandi of the five-criteria framework referred to in document S/2008/250 and in resolution 1865 (2009).

"The Security Council reiterates its full support for the Facilitator, and calls on the Ivorian political actors to continue to cooperate fully with him, in particular in this critical phase of the peace process.

"The Security Council expresses the hope that the announcement of the electoral time frame will give a new impetus to the implementation of the Ouagadougou Political Agreement and its Supplementary Agreements. It takes note of the ceremony of transfer of authority held in Bouaké on 26 May 2009 as a positive development and urges the Ivorian parties to continue to make progress.

"The Security Council reiterates its determination to bring its full support to a credible electoral process in Côte d'Ivoire. To this end, it requests the Secretary-General to keep it closely and regularly informed of the progress made by the parties in the implementation of each of the key stages of the electoral time frame."

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

Before I adjourn this meeting, and as we hope this is the last meeting in May — that is, the last under the Russian presidency — I would like to thank all my colleagues in the Security Council and all delegations of United Nations Member States that in some way participated in the work of the Security Council in May for their cooperation, understanding and support. I would of course like to convey my gratitude to my colleagues in the Secretariat, the interpreters and all those who enable us to carry out effective, intensive work.

The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.